GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DAMS WELLS FOR FARMERS IN HILLY AREAS .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has been constructing dams and wells for the benefit of farmers in various hilly areas having barren land;

(b) If so, the number of dams and wells constructed by the Government during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) The details of funds allocated for as well as spent on construction of wells and dams during the said period? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Planning Commission is implementing Hill Area Development Programme

(HADP) and Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP) for integrated development of certain designated hill areas from Fifth Five Year Plan. Under these programmes Special Central Assistance (SCA) is provided to the States in the ratio of 90:10 (90% grant and 10% loan) to supplement their efforts in achieving the objectives of integrated development on compact watershed basis. Check Dams, Wells and Ponds are constructed under these programmes. The details of Special Central Assistance (SCA) released during last three years (2003-06) are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	States	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
HADP				
1.	Assam	50.66	51.11	46.00
2.	Tamil Nadu	22.10	22.10	19.89
3.	West Bangal	22.33	22.33	20.10
	Total	95.09	95.54	85.99
WGDP				
1.	Maharashtra	20.86	21.06	18.95
2.	Karnataka	15.57	15.57	14.01
3.	Kerala	13.13	13.13	11.82
4.	Tamil Nadu	10.99	10.99	9.86
5.	Goa	2.86	2.93	2.89
	Total	63.41	63.68	57.53

In addition, a Central Sector Scheme namely `On Farm Water Management for increasing crop production in Eastern India` was launched in March, 2002 by Ministry of Agriculture covering the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Uttar

Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram.

Under the scheme assistance was provided to the farmers for construction of shallow tube wells with pump sets, construction of dug wells, low lift irrigation points and distribution of pump sets. The funding pattern of the scheme was 20% contribution from farmers, 50% as Banks Loan and remaining 30% as Central subsidy. The funds provided by Government of India under the scheme during last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	States	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Assam	3.00	4.38	1.00
2.	Bihar	11.18	5.40	0.50
3.	Jharkhand	4.04	4.32	2.00
4.	Chhattisgarh	3.29	4.12	5.00
5.	Orissa	6.60	3.05	1.00
6.	Uttar Pradesh	40.22	17.95	12.50
7	West Bengal	4.67	4.41	1.50
8.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.00	2.48	0.20
9.	Manipur	3.00	2.50	1.00
10.	Mizoram	3.00	1.39	0.30
	Total	82.00	50.00	25.00

This scheme is discontinued as per direction of Planning Commission with effect from 01.04.2006.